

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2003. Claims 1-3, 5-15, 17, 18, 21-23, and 25-30 stand rejected. In this Amendment, Claims 1, 9, 10, 13, 18, 23-25 and 28 have been amended. Claims 4 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner rejected claim 23 for insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "random region" in the claim. Claim 23 have been amended to correct this inconstancy.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9, 13-15, 17-18, 21, and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kevin Lawton ("Running Multiple Operating Systems Concurrently on an IA32 x86 PC Using Virtualization Techniques"; hereinafter "Lawton"). Claims 10-11, and 22-23, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawton, in view of Official Notice. Claims 4, 7-8, 12, 16, 19-20, and 24 are objected to as being independent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 4, 7-8, 12, 16, 19-20, and 24 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten to include all the limitations of the claims from which they each originally depend. In response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, 25 and 28 to include the limitations of allowable claims 4 and 16. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 13, 25 and 28, and their corresponding dependent claims, are now in condition for allowance, and requests allowance of said claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.